Principal’s Message

Half Way Mark

On January 27, 2020, we began the 3rd quarter of the school year. During this quarter, students and teachers alike, must maintain their focus on teaching and learning. During this nine-week period, students in grades 3 through 6 have their last opportunity to strengthen their reading and mathematics skills in order to do their very best on the state assessment - MCAP. Parents you can assist the school by reading with your children nightly; making certain they complete their homework; and rewarding them when they work on IXL, Vocabulary.com, Kahn Academy, and Math Seeds (grs. K-2). When our students strengthen their vocabulary and are able to use and understand words in context, they will be more successful in not only reading, but also mathematics and science. Weaknesses in reading, for many of our students, causes underachievement in mathematics and science. Working together, we can assist our students in being successful on the state assessment as well as in being prepared to matriculate, on-grade level, to the next grade.

We thank you for continuing to encourage appropriate behavior and adherence to the school rules. This includes wearing the school uniform daily, unless notified by the Principal, and ensuring that cell phones are turned off and remain in the child’s book bag. Lastly, unless your child is extremely ill, please send them to school on time every day.

Visitor and Parent Sign-in Reminder!

All visitors, parents, and maintenance workers who enter the building must present a state issued I.D. at the door and then again in the main office after which they will receive a printed pass before going to the classroom. Parents are to refrain from going to the classrooms and/or standing outside of the classroom doors during dismissal. Early student pick-up is before 2:00 p.m. Only in cases of emergency will students be called down for dismissal after 2:00 p.m. Thank you for adhering to this procedure as we work together to keep everyone safe.

February Dates to Remember!

Feb. 6, 2020: -H.P.E.S. STEM Fair (Viewing from 4 to 6 p.m.)
Feb. 12, 2020: - Sky Dome Science In-School Field Trip (Classes have scheduled attendance times.)
Feb. 14, 2020: — Coffee & Conversation w/the Principal-9 to 10 a.m.
Feb. 17, 2020: — President’s Day-School’s Closed
Feb. 27, 2020: — H.P.E.S. Winter/Afr. American History Music Program-7:00 p.m.
Feb. 28, 2020: - H.P.E.S. Eagle Day Mardi Gras!
Grs. PK-2:12:30-1:15; Grs. 3-6:1:30 – 2:15

H.P.E.S. Vision and Mission

Highland Park Elementary School is a student focused, nurturing, and engaging learning environment, which provides a culture of mutual respect and high academic achievement through a rigorous instructional program that infuses literacy throughout all content areas to enhance the College and Career preparation of our students.

We strive to accomplish this vision by maintaining high expectations for the implementation of our School Performance Plan focused on academic teaching and learning; sustaining a safe, positive, and inviting school climate; monitoring the progress of students on a frequent basis to provide prescriptive measures that support continuous learning; and promoting effective teamwork and communication among all members of the learning community.
Working or volunteering in PGCPS schools?
Getting fingerprint background and CPS clearance checks just got easier!

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) has added two new processing locations. The sites will provide evening hours four days a week and Saturday hours from 8 a.m. to noon! For questions, call the PGCPS Background Unit at 301-952-7831.

NEW LOCATIONS

Hughes Barney Investigations
9315 Largo Drive West #100
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
301-333-1728
Monday-Friday - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday and Wednesday - 5-7 p.m. (by appointment only)
http://hbinvestigations.com

E. House Executive Security Professionals Inc.
4147 Audie Place #420
Suitland, MD 20746
301-999-2828
Monday-Friday - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday - 5-7 p.m. (by appointment only)
2nd & 3rd Saturday of the month - 8 a.m. - noon (by appointment only)
www.eh-esp.com

You can also continue to use the PGCPS Background Unit
Sasser Administration Building
14201 School Lane
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Monday-Friday - 8 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. (no appointment necessary)
Credit card, money order, cash and company checks accepted

SERVICES & FEES
Fingerprinting and Child Protective Services (CPS) Clearance $15
(online only at www.myschoolbucks.com) – Only required for athletic officials and independent contractors who do not have unsupervised access to students may utilize the Commercial Background Check.

School Uniform Reminder
All students in grades PK through 6 should be in the proper uniform daily unless otherwise announced by the Principal. Parents will be contacted and violation notices sent home for all students not wearing the proper school uniform clothing and accessories. Please be reminded that light-up sneakers are not permitted.

Student Lunch Accounts

All students that pay for lunch will need lunch money placed on their accounts. Students who receive free/reduced lunch will continue to do so. Any parents needing to complete the Lunch Application can do so on the PGCPS website or by requesting an application from the school office.

Parent Tip on Student Attendance:

- Students missing 3 days and/or having below 94% attendance rate for the month will be contacted by the classroom teacher.
- Students missing 3 days within one quarter due to an illness, may be required to provide a physician’s certificate.
- Students missing 6 days within one quarter due to an illness, will be required to provide a physician’s certificate.
- Students missing 4 days within one quarter will be referred to Administration and the School Instructional Team (SIT) to discuss absenteeism.
- Parents/Guardians must notify classroom teacher when student is absent and provide a written note within 3 days of student’s return.
- Only students with lawful absences will be allowed to receive missed assignments once note has been provided within 3 days of return; work must be returned within designated timeframe to receive credit.
- Students with unlawful absences will not be allowed to make up missed assignments and will receive a “0”.

Read To Succeed!
Being a good reader is at the very core of our students excelling in not only English and language arts, but also mathematics, science, social studies, and the arts.

Please support your child by having them read for a minimum of 20 minutes each night.